



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

May 9, 2022

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East

6:10 p.m. - Closed Session - Council Chambers

7:00 p.m. - Open Session - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary
Councillor Scott Greig
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor John Tamming
Councillor Richard Thomas

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Councillor Travis Dodd

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Mike Crone, Acting Director of Public Works and Engineering
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk

The meeting convened in Open Session with the above-noted members present except for Councillor Dodd, Councillor Greig, and the Director of Corporate Services.

1. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

R-220509-001

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT City Council now move into 'Closed Session' to consider:

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2022;**
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022; and**
- c. One matter regarding a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting a City road allowance."**

Carried.

2. DECLARATION TO MOVE TO THE OPEN SESSION

The business of the Closed Session having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the Closed Session at 6:39 p.m. Council moved to the Regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. All Council and staff members listed above were present.

3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Boddy advised that in Closed Session City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2022;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022; and
- Discussed one matter regarding a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting a City road allowance and direction was provided to staff.

4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 4.a Councillor Merton Re: Municipal World Course and Community Foundation Housing Report
- 4.b Councillor Greig Re: Earth Film Festival
- 4.c Councillor Tamming Re: Increasing Housing Density and Potential Partial Closure of 2nd Avenue East
- 4.d Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 5.a Mayor Boddy - Closed Session Declaration of Interest

Mayor Boddy declared a non-disqualifying interest with an item on the Closed Session agenda.
- 5.b Mayor Boddy - Report CS-22-057 from the Senior Planner Re: ZBA 36 Removal of Holding & ST2021-014 Site Plan Approval for Hansa Financial & Property Management - 1144 1st Avenue West

Mayor Boddy declared a conflict of interest with Item 12.a due to him providing legal services to Hansa Financial and Property Management.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 6.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2022

R-220509-002
Moved by Councillor Merton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2022 as printed be adopted."

Carried.
- 6.b Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2022

R-220509-003
Moved by Councillor Merton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2022 as printed be adopted."

Carried.

7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-220509-004

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business."

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.a Presentation from the City Manager Re: Upcoming Council/Committee Agenda Items

The City Manager provided an overview of key highlights since his last update.

Mr. Simmonds noted that:

- The City has received two economic development awards for community development;
- spring clean-up has started and docks are in at the boat launch;
- One ice pad has been removed at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre for the return of lacrosse;
- The City has received a \$2.9 million grant for Water Treatment Plant Filtration System Improvements;
- Requests for proposals have been released for waste management strategy;
- OPEN Card launches on May 18, 2022;
- Youth programs and registrations have commenced; and
- The City's water quality was given a 100% rating.

Lastly, Mr. Simmonds noted the reports that will be presented to Council and Committees in the coming months.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the public.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

Having declared a conflict of interest, Mayor Boddy left the Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor O'Leary took the Chair.

12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

12.a Report CS-22-057 from the Senior Planner Re: ZBA 36 Removal of Holding & ST2021-014 Site Plan Approval for Hansa Financial & Property Management - 1144 1st Avenue West

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

R-220509-005

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-057 respecting Zoning By-law Amendment No. 36 and Site Plan Approval (ST2021-014) at 1144 1st Avenue West, proposing a multi-unit residential development, City Council:

- 1. Finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the goals and objectives and intent of the City's Official Plan;**
- 2. In consideration of the staff recommendations and the written submissions made, directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 36 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078 and give notice in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act;**
- 3. Approves the Site Plan by Hansa Financial & Property Management Inc. dated April 25, 2022, subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule 'G';**
- 4. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement, Servicing Agreement, Development Charges Exemption Agreement, and any other items for implementing Site Plan Approval for 1144 1st Avenue West; and**
- 5. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute:**
 - a. all documents necessary to transfer leased lands, known as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 16R6924, to the City; and**
 - b. all documents necessary to consent to the Application for Absolute Title by Hansa Financial & Property Management Inc. and to waive notice of the application."**

Carried.

Mayor Boddy returned to the Council Chambers and assumed the Chair.

- 12.b Report CS-22-051 from the Manager of Community Development and Marketing and the Director of Community Services Re: RTO7 Grant Opportunity

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

R-220509-006

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-051 respecting an RTO7 grant intake, City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to apply to the RTO7 Tourism Relief Fund to recuperate the 2021 and 2022 costs relating to the River District Community Development Coordinator position; and**
- 2. Approves the extension of the River District Community Development Coordinator position for an additional 12 months through to 2023, subject to receipt of the grant."**

Carried.

- 12.c Report CS-22-058 from the Manager of Community Development and Marketing and the Junior Planner Re: Boat Launch Operating Agreement Amendment

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-058 respecting the operating agreement for the Boat Launches, City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to amend the existing agreement with Experience Grey Bruce to provide permission for a Food Truck on the leased lands and permit a licensed patio generally in accordance with Schedule B attached to this report subject to the following:**
 - a. Insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000;**
 - b. Timing and hours of operation of the proposed patio;**
 - c. That the patio includes a fenced enclosure to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Community Services and the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO);**
 - d. That the patio area, including any tables, stands, booths, structures, shall be kept in a neat and clean condition at all times by the operator;**
 - e. That any patio furniture, including, without limitation, umbrellas, tables, chairs, flowerpots and shrubs, shall not protrude beyond the area of the proposed patio;**
 - f. Removal of garbage and recycling-related to the operation of the patio and mobile food unit;**
 - g. Connection to services with respect to disposal of greywater only;**
 - h. Updated lease agreement with Transport Canada; and**
 - i. Other conditions recommended by the City solicitor;**
- 2. Authorizes Experience Grey Bruce to make an application to the AGCO for a licensed patio and to permit alcohol sales and consumption on the subject lands;**
- 3. Directs staff to execute a Street Vendor Agreement with Bombshell Stella's subject to:**
 - a. the City's standard requirements, save and except the hours of operation which will begin at 5 a.m.; and**
 - b. a fee of \$350 per month; and**
- 4. Directs staff to bring forward a report regarding the updated lease for a portion of the West Side Boat Launch with Transport Canada."**

Carried.

12.d Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

There was no Grey County Council report provided.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- 13.a Report OP-22-028 from the Engineering Services Administrator Re: Owen Sound Pride Parade 2022
- 13.b Report CS-22-050 from the Chief Building Official Re: Appointment of Officers Under the Building Code Act
- 13.c Memo from the Junior Planner Re: External Planning Policy Comment Summary – February and March 2022

- 13.d Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held on March 23, 2022
- 13.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Housing Company Board meeting held on March 15, 2022
- 13.f Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board meeting held on March 15, 2022
- 13.g Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- Owen Sound Mortgage Centre located at 901 3rd Avenue East, Unit 206
- 13.h Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council
R-220509-008
Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.h on the Consent Agenda dated May 9, 2022, and further

THAT the recommendation contained in Items 13.a and 13.b be approved."

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 14.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022
R-220509-009
Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

- 14.b Minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022
R-220509-010
Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

15. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no postponed matters.

16. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

- 16.a Motion for Which Notice was Previously Given by Councillor Tamming at the April 25, 2022 Regular Council meeting:

City Council discussed amendments to the proposed motion and requested that the motion be postponed to the next Regular Council meeting to consider the amendments identified during the discussion.

"THAT in consideration of a Motion for Which Notice was Previously Given by Councillor Tamming at the April 25, 2022 Regular Council meeting respecting the removal of municipal councillors under prescribed circumstances, City Council postpones the item until the May 30, 2022 Regular Council meeting to consider amendments to the motion identified during the discussion of the motion."

Carried.

17. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

17.a Municipal World Course and Community Foundation Housing Report

Councillor Merton advised that she recently completed a course titled 'Civilitas: Respectful Leadership in Local Government'. Councillor Merton noted that incivility is threatening the discourse of councils, boards, and staff and is creating a culture of reactivity rather than personal reflection. Councillor Merton advised that the lack of civility is negatively impacting the mental and physical health of civil servants and is preventing individuals from running for board and council positions. The Civilitas course addressed the tasks of creating respectful leadership, addressing interpersonal workplace incivility, and developing strategies to promote organizational civility.

Councillor Merton advised that on May 12, 2022 the Community Foundation Grey Bruce will be releasing its Vital Focus on Housing report at the Harmony Centre in Owen Sound.

17.b Earth Film Festival

Councillor Greig advised that the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Foundation has resumed its annual Earth Film Festival after a two-year break due to COVID-19. The festival will take place on May 19, 2022 and will feature an interactive butterfly presentation and the screening of a Canadian production titled 'Flight of the Butterflies'. The event raises funds to benefit local conservation projects. Tickets can be purchased at the Roxy Theatre.

17.c Increasing Housing Density and Potential Partial Closure of 2nd Avenue East

Councillor Tamming discussed the concept of housing density in Owen Sound by developing walk-up apartment complexes that could be located in residential neighbourhoods. Councillor Tamming noted that these developments should not be high-rise apartments, but rather, low to mid-rise to ensure that the development is in keeping with the aesthetic of the neighbourhood.

Councillor Tamming advised that he often spends time in Owen Sound's downtown core and has often contemplated various ways to enhance the area. Councillor Tamming noted that a potential option to further beautify the area would be to partially close a portion of 2nd Avenue East from approximately the Victoria Day long weekend to the Labour Day long weekend in future years, pending support from the local community. Councillor Tamming noted that the area could host outdoor dining, pavilions, and other shops and inquired if such an idea might be possible for 2023. The Director of Community Services advised that a report on patio furniture will be presented in the coming months and noted that the River District Action Plan contains various actions and strategies for development, including the creation of an engaging space by researching and investigating the potential closure of a section of the River District to vehicle traffic on an ongoing and scheduled basis.

17.d Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that the Arts and Culture Awards were celebrated on May 1 and congratulated Christy Taylor, Tyler Boyle, Paige Warner, Earth Day Grey-Bruce, and Elder Shirley John for their achievements.

Mayor Boddy advised that on May 6 the Owen Sound Sports Hall of Fame celebrated their 2020 inductees and congratulated athletes Mark Cochrane, Bayleigh Hooper, Steve Irving, and Brian Kazarian; builders Terry King and the late John 'Jack' Milne; and teams 1968 Owen Sound Highsteppers Patti Cakes, 1968 TNT Highsteppers, and 2018 U23 Selects Fastball on their achievements.

18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-220509-012

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report."

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

19. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-220509-013

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business be confirmed by this Council."

Carried.

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2022-044

"A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound held on the 9th day of May, 2022"

21.b By-law No. 2022-045

"A By-law to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") for the long-term financing of certain capital works of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound (the "Municipality") and to authorize the entering into of a Rate Offer Letter Agreement pursuant to which the Municipality will issue debentures to OILC (10th Street Bridge, 'Goodyear' SPS upgrade)"

21.c By-law No. 2022-046

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute 2022 Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Waste Program Municipal Participation Agreements with the municipalities of Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands, Meaford and West Grey"

21.d By-law No. 2022-047

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Straightline Group Inc., respecting Sydenham Crescent Sanitary Pump Station Construction, in accordance with RFT-22-018"

21.e By-law No. 2022-048

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with MacDonnell Excavating Inc., respecting East Bayshore Road Reconstruction (Grey Road 15), in accordance with RFT-22-021"

21.f By-law No. 2022-049

"A By-law to amend Appointed Officers By-law No. 2015-054 to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official, Building Inspector and Property Standards Officers"

21.g By-law No. 2022-050

"A By-law to regulate the sale and discharge of fireworks in the City of Owen Sound"

21.h By-law No. 2022-051

"A By-law to regulate open air fires in the City of Owen Sound"

21.i By-law No. 2022-052

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Facility Use Agreement with the Owen Sound Agricultural Society for the use of Victoria Park"

R-220509-014

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT By-law Numbers 2022-044, 2022-045, 2022-046, 2022-047, 2022-048, 2022-049, 2022-050, 2022-051, and 2022-052 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk